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SUBJECT: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, AFTERNOON APRIL 28

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1. SUMMARY: AFTERNOON MEETING OF THE UNGA SPECIAL
SESSION ON NAMIBIA APRIL 28 WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY SWAPO
PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA'S SPEECH CONTAINING LONG-AWAITED
RESPONSE TO WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL. FULL TEXT AND
DISCUSSION OF SPEECH CONTAINED SEPTTEL. OTHER SPEAKERS
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WERE: BHUTAN, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, CYPRUS, LAO DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC, PERU, MEXICO, JAPAN, BAHAMAS, SUDAN, CONGO,
AND SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA CONTINUED WITH
PLENARY STATEMENTS THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 28. THE
FIRST SPEAKER, AMB TSHERING OF BHUTAN, STATED THAT

"BECAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICA THE UN'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY IS BEING QUESTIONED". THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE, HE SAID, SHOULD HAVE ROOM FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATION AS SUGGESTED BY SWAPO. HE STATED THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. HE MENTIONED THE SAG NUCLEAR PROGRAM IN THE KALIHARI AND ADVOCATED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS.

3. AMB ASHTAL OF DEMOCRATIC YEMEN (ADEN) SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF SWAPO IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. HE SEVERELY SCORED SOUTH AFRICA FOR ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA.

4. AMBASSADOR ROSSIDES OF CYPRUS COMPARED NAMIBIA WITH CYPRUS AND ASSERTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS ATTEMPTING TO DIVIDE THE TERRITORY. HE CONDEMNED THE SAG FOR ITS OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA AND DECLARED THAT THE TIME WAS RIPE TO INVOKE CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS.

5. SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA THEN TOOK THE ROSTUM TO DELIVER HIS LONG-AWAITED RESPONSE TO THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL. FULL TEXT AND COMMENTS CONTAINED SEPTTEL.

6. MINISTER-COUNSELLOR SOURINKO OF LAOS STATED THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. HE CON-

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DEMND SOUTH AFRICA'S OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA AND CALLED FOR MANDATORY CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

7. AMB MIRO OF PERU CALLED UPON THE WESTERN FIVE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR EFFORTS TO DATE AND PUSH ON TO ACHIEVE AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA QUESTION. HE SAID THE FIVE SHOULD DEFINE MORE FULLY THE ROLE WHICH THE UN WILL PLAY IN THE TRANSITION PROCESS. AMB CUEVAS CANCINO OF MEXICO CLAIMED THAT THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL NEEDED FURTHER CLARIFICATION AND THAT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA SHOULD BE GIVEN A ROLE TO PLAY.

8. AMB ABE OF JAPAN FOUND THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL QUITE COMMENDABLE AND STATED THAT IT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE SPECIAL SESSION. HE CONTINUED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ANSWERED.

9. AMB JOHNSON OF THE BAHAMAS ASSERTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES TO THREATEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. HE RECOGNIZED THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE

AS WELL AS THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. IN
COMMENDING NUJOMA, HE CALLED FOR THE PARTIES TO CON-
TINUE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS BUT TO BRING THEM TO
A SPEEDY CONCLUSION.

10. AMB MEDANI OF SUDAN SUPPORTED THE DRAFT DECLARATION
SUBMITTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. HE ASSERTED
THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA AND CON-
SIDERED THE OMISSION OF WALVIS BAY FROM THE WESTERN
PROPOSAL VERY DANGEROUS. SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR
RESEARCH, HE WARNED, THREATENED THE ENTIRE REGION.
HE CALLED FOR FURTHER CHAPTER VII ECONOMIC SANCTIONS
AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

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11. AMB MONDJO OF THE CONGO SEVERELY CRITICIZED SOUTH
AFRICA AND STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE LUSAKA DECLARATION.
HE INTIMATED THAT THE FIVE HAD SIDED WITH PRETORIA
AGAINST SWAPO.

12. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES BARROS OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPEE
CHARGED THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS BEING DEVELOPED BY SOUTH
AFRICA WOULD BE USED AGAINST ITS NEIGHBORING STATES.

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